



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

James A. Sikorski, et al.

APPLICATION NO.: 10/017,290

FILING DATE: 12/12/2001

TITLE: **(R)-Chiral Halogenated Substituted
N,N-Bis-Phenyl Aminoalcohol
Compounds Useful For Inhibiting
Cholesteryl Ester Transfer Protein
Activity**

Examiner: Richard L Raymond

Group Art Unit: 1624

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The present reply is in response to the communication mailed September 8, 2003. In response thereto, Applicants cancel claims 68 and 69, and amend claim 70 to incorporate matter from claim 68, thereby making claim 70 an independent claim as shown in the attached claim set.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowability statement with respect to overcoming the claim objections. As such, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

A petition for a three month extension of time is attached hereto; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other extension of time fee, and any other fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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